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BEGIN SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO A FONOFF OFFICIAL, THE JUNE 15 MEETING BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTERS GENSCHER AND CALLAGHAN DEALT PRINCIPALLY WITH CSCE AND EUROPEAN POLITICAL UNITY ISSUES. THE JUNE 17 STORY WHICH APPEARED IN THE GUARDIAN, AS REPORTED REFTEL, RE BERLIN MATTERS WAS CHARACTERIZED AS ERRONEOUS. END SUMMARY

1. AT THE INVITATION OF FOREIGN MINISTER CALLAGHAN, FRG FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER TRAVELLED TO THE FORMER'S COUNTRY ESTATE DORNEYWOOD FOR AN INFORMAL, FOUR-HOUR DISCUSSION ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL BILATERAL INTEREST ON JUNE 15. EMBOFF RECEIVED BRIEFING ON MEETING BASED ON REPORT PREPARED BY BRITISH DESK OFFICER WHO ACCOMPANIED GENSCHER.

2. MOST OF THE MINISTERS' TIME WAS SPENT DISCUSSING CSCE AND EUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION ISSUES. THE POSITIONS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS ON CSCE ISSUES WERE REAFFIRMED. CALLAGHAN SUPPORTED THE FRG POSITION ON THE PEACEFUL CHANGE IN FRONTIERS ISSUE. BOTH MINISTERS DECRIED THE LACK OF CONCRETE PROGRESS IN BASKET III. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE SOVIETS STILL TAKE A RESTRICTIVE VIEW OF CBM'S, AND THE BRITISH AND GERMANS WERE HOPEFUL MORE PROGRESS COULD BE MADE. THE QUESTION OF THE TIMING AND LEVEL OF THE THIRD STAGE OF THE CONFERENCE WAS FELT TO BE DEPENDENT UPON OBTAINING SATISFACTORY RESULTS IN STAGE II..

3. CALLAGHAN INDICATED TO GENSCHER THAT HE WAS VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF EUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION. PART OF THEIR DISCUSSION CENTERED ON THE FORM THAT A FUTURE UNITED EUROPE WOULD TAKE. CALLAGHAN ARGUED IN FAVOR OF A CONFEDERATION OF NATION STATES, WITH THE RIGHTS OF THE VARIOUS NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS NOT TO BE RESTRICTED. CALLAGHAN POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS LITTLE HOPE OF THE EC REACHING MONETARY AND ECONOMIC UNION SOON. HE ALSO ALLUDED TO PROBLEMS WITH BRITISH PUBLIC OPINION AND THE LABOR GOVERNMENT'S TASK IN EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE PROBLEMS OF EUROPEAN UNITY. GENSCHER AGREED ABOUT THE DESIRABILITY OF EUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION, AND CONFIDENTIAL

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STATED THAT THE EC SHOULD HOLD TO ITS PROFESSED GOAL OF

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POLITICAL UNITY BY 1980. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE
LABOR GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ABLE TO REALIZE ITS RENEGOTIA-
TION GOALS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PRESENT EC
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4. THE JUNE 17 STORY WHICH APPEARED IN THE GUARDIAN REGARDING BERLIN AS REPORTED REFTEL WAS CHARACTERIZED BY THE FONOFF SOURCE AS ERRONEOUS. GENSCHER REPORTED TO CALLAGHAN THAT THE LAW ESTABLISHING THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE IN BERLIN WOULD SOON BE PASSED BY THE BUNDESTAG. CALLAGHAN RESPONDED BY OFFERING HIS GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR ITS ESTABLISHMENT. BOTH AGREED THAT THE BONN GROUP CONSULTATIONS PAPER SHOULD BE APPROVED DURING THE QUADRIPARTITE MEETING IN OTTAWA.

5. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND PRIME MINISTER WILSON SHOULD ACCEPT THE INVITATION TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT NIXON IN BRUSSELS ON JUNE 26.

6. GENSCHER ALSO REPORTED TO HIS FONOFF COLLEAGUES ABOUT HIS MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER IN BAD REICHENHALL.

7. WITH REGARD TO MBFR, BOTH SIDES REAFFIRMED THE ALLIANCE POSITION ON THE COMMON CEILING.
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